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Memorandum to Mr. [REDACTED]  
Re: Disclosure and Publication of Allegedly  
Classified Information by "The Village  
Voice" on or About 2/11/76

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By memorandum dated 5/18/77 (copy attached hereto), the AAG advised that in his opinion there is no reasonable chance for successful prosecution in this matter for any violation of the espionage laws, and therefore, no further investigation by the FBI is desired in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Director

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: FEB 17

FROM : Richard L. Thornburg  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Disclosure and Publication of Allegedly  
Classified Information by The Village  
Voice, on or about February 11, 1976

The Washington Star and the Washington Post of February 12, 1976 carried front-page stories regarding the publication by the New York City tabloid known as The Village Voice of allegedly classified information. Press reports indicate that the disclosure may have originated with the Pike Committee.

In order to determine whether any action by the Department of Justice is necessary, you are requested to conduct a preliminary inquiry along the following lines.

1. The date and identity of the article or articles disclosing the classified information. (Furnish this Division with a copy of the 24-page Village Voice supplement).
2. Specific statements in the article which are considered classified and whether the data was properly classified.
3. Whether the classified data disclosed is accurate.
4. Whether the data came from a specific document and, if so, the origin of the document and the name of the individual responsible for the security of the classified data disclosed.

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5. The extent of official dissemination of the data.
  6. Whether the data has been the subject of prior official releases.
  7. Whether prior clearance for publication or re-release of the information was sought from proper authorities.
  8. Whether the material or portions thereof or enough background data has been published officially or in the press to make an educated speculation on the matter possible.
  9. Whether the data can be declassified for the purpose of prosecution and, if so, the name of the person competent to testify concerning the classification.
  10. Whether declassification had been decided upon prior to the publication or release of the data.
  11. What effect the disclosure of the classified data could have on the national defense.

In addition to the above questions, you should, through appropriate liaison channels, determine the particulars of the reported agreement among the White House, the CIA, and the Pike Committee with regard to the use and disposition of classified materials furnished by the Executive Branch to the Committee. Obtain copies of any written agreements and conduct necessary interviews of persons having knowledge of any such agreement in order that the Department may have complete information regarding its terms.

This limited inquiry should be handled expeditiously and the results furnished promptly to this Division.

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Date: 2/17/76

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(Precedence)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: INTD, CI-3 SECTION)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF  
ALLEGEDLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
BY "THE VILLAGE VOICE" ON OR  
ABOUT 2/11/76  
ESP - X

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of  
"The Village Voice", volume XXI #7, dated Monday,  
February 16, 1976, with a 24 page supplement entitled  
"THE CIA REPORT THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T WANT YOU TO READ."

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 3/13/00 BY SP2AUMYP

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ENCLOSURE

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1 - New York by memo to AG

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/20/76

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: INTD, CI-3)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION  
OF ALLEGEDLY CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION BY "THE  
VILLAGE VOICE" ON OR  
ABOUT 2/11/76  
ESP-X

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of "The Village Voice", volume XXI # 8, dated Monday, February 23, 1976 with a ten page special section entitled, "How Ford, Kissinger, and the CIA Obstructed the House Probe."

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DATE 3/13/00 BY SP2ALM/KW

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ENCLOSED TO BUREAU (1)

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Enclosed is a copy of "The Village Voice", dated  
Monday, 2/23/76.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
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To: SACS, WFO  
New York (Enclosures - 4)

2/20/76

From: Director, FBI

DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY THE VILLAGE VOICE  
ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976  
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Enclosed for New York and WFO are two copies each  
of a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Richard L.  
Thornburgh, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice,  
which sets forth investigation requested in captioned matter.  
Also enclosed, is one copy each of the 2/12/76 "Washington  
Post" and "Washington Star" articles referred to in enclosed  
memorandum.

SAC, New York, Internal Security Division has  
been requested telephonically on 2/17/76 to immediately have  
copies obtained of The Village Voice for pertinent period  
and furnish to Bureau. WFO will be furnished a copy when  
they are received by Bureau.

Bureau is presently attempting through liaison  
channels to determine the particulars regarding any agree-  
ments between the White House, the CIA, and the Pike Committee  
with regard to the use and disposition of classified materials  
furnished by the Executive Branch to the Pike Committee. WFO  
will be kept advised regarding results of these liaison  
contacts.

WFO is being designated office of origin in this  
matter.

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On 2/17/76, the Bureau received a memorandum from  
Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal  
Division, Department of Justice, requesting preliminary  
inquiry be conducted by the FBI regarding the publication X

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Airtel to WFO and New York  
Re: Disclosure and Publication of  
Allegedly Classified Information  
by The Village Voice on or about  
February 11, 1976

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by the New York City tabloid known as The Village Voice of allegedly classified information in possession of the Pike Committee. The Assistant Attorney General requested this inquiry in order to determine whether any action is necessary by the Department of Justice. X

The memorandum sets forth 11 questions to be answered regarding the identification and classification of the information appearing in the material published by The Village Voice. Information was also requested regarding particulars of any oral or written agreements between the White House and CIA and the Pike Committee with regard to the use and disposition of the classified material furnished by the Executive Branch to the Pike Committee.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

March 2, 1976

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Director, FBI

DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY THE VILLAGE  
VOICE, ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976

Reference is made to the memorandum from this Bureau dated February 25, 1976, which enclosed at your request a copy of the February 16, 1976, edition of The Village Voice which contained alleged classified information from the Pike Committee report.

Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of the February 23, 1976, edition of The Village Voice which contains additional information alleged to be also from the Pike Committee report.

Enclosure

1 - WFO (Enclosure)

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NOTE FOR SAC, WFO:

Enclosed for WFO is one copy of The Village Voice, 2/23/76 edition. The Bureau will continue to keep you apprised of any needed investigation in this matter.

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Director \_\_\_\_\_

On 2/17/76, the Bureau received a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, requesting a preliminary inquiry be conducted into captioned matter. In addition to setting forth specific steps to be followed in this inquiry, the Assistant Attorney General requested a copy of The Village Voice paper wherein appeared the allegedly classified information from the Pike Committee report. A copy of the 2/16/76 edition of The Village Voice, which contained the information requested by the Assistant Attorney General, as well as the status of our implementation of the inquiry requested, was furnished to the Assistant Attorney General by letter 2/25/76.

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Assistant Attorney General

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This memorandum is for the purpose of furnishing to the Assistant Attorney General a copy of the 2/23/76 Village Voice which contains additional information alleged to be also from the Pike Committee report. This information is captioned "How Kissinger, the White House, and the CIA Obstructed the Investigation." This is a ten-page supplement and relates to the first part of the Pike report "The Select Committee's Oversight Experience." It reports on the many obstacles the Committee encountered in obtaining the needed information from the various agencies involved. The second part of the Committee's report captioned "The Select Committee's Investigative Record" appeared in the 2/16/76 edition of The Village Voice.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 2/27/76

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY THE "VILLAGE  
VOICE" ON OR ABOUT 2/11/76  
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The Intelligence Division requested Legal Counsel Division determine what agreements existed between the Executive Branch and the House Select Committee concerning the handling of classified material by that Committee. This request was prompted by a memorandum from Richard Thornburgh, Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, requesting a certain investigation be conducted relative to captioned matter which pertained to the leak of classified information by the House Select Committee. Referral/Consult

According to Rex Lee, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, and *[Redacted]* on Intelligence Coordination, there are no other agreements with the House Select Committee concerning this matter.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. *[Redacted]* Encs. (2)  
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# Memorandum

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. [Redacted]

DATE: 3/12/76

(U) FROM : [Redacted]

REFERRED TO HQ PER LETTER DATED 03-28-2011

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF  
ALLEGEDLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
BY THE VILLAGE VOICE ON OR ABOUT  
FEBRUARY 11, 1976

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(U) At the request of the CI-3 Section, Special Agent [Redacted] contacted [Redacted] and Administrative Services Staff, Office of Management and Finance, Department of Justice, concerning [SI] and [TK] clearances for Departmental personnel who will be involved in handling results of the above investigation. Mr. [Redacted] was specifically asked whether Mr. [Redacted] and other Criminal Division personnel involved in this matter possessed [SI] as well as [TK]. Mr. [Redacted] advised the writer that it would be appreciated if the writer would contact Mr. [Redacted] directly concerning the above matter. The writer then contacted Mr. [Redacted] pointing out that this Bureau is currently in possession of material, the handling of which requires [SI] and [TK] clearances on the part of the handling personnel. [Redacted] advised that he possessed [SI] but did not have [TK] and would contact Mr. [Redacted] concerning any clearances he or other Departmental personnel would need to handle above matter. Mr. [Redacted] was requested to advise the writer when the necessary clearances were obtained.

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(U) Mr. [Redacted] subsequently contacted the writer and advised that Mr. [Redacted] possessed [SI] but not [TK] clearance in view of which Mr. [Redacted] recommended to [Redacted] that he and others involved with him in this matter obtain [SI] and [TK]. Mr. [Redacted] advised that such requests

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Re: Disclosure and Publication of  
Allegedly Classified Information  
by The Village Voice on or About  
February 11, 1976

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would be made to him through Mr. Richard Thornburgh, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, upon receipt of which Mr. [redacted] will make the necessary arrangements

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(U) (X) [redacted] subsequently recontacted the writer and requested that all SI and TK material in this matter be addressed to Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, and directed to the attention of, and hand carried to, [redacted] [redacted] Criminal Division, Room 200, Federal Triangle Building.

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ACTION:

For information and referral to CI-3 Section.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

The Attorney General

March 12, 1976

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
INVESTIGATION - LEAK OF PIKE  
COMMITTEE MATERIAL TO VILLAGE  
VOICE

On March 3, 1976, Mr. [REDACTED] retired FBI Agent who has been named to direct the investigation by the House Ethics Committee regarding the leak of the Pike Committee report, contacted a representative of this Bureau. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he has acquired 12 retired FBI employees for the investigative staff of the House Ethics Committee. Mr. [REDACTED] also advised that at this moment they have no need for any personnel from the FBI; however, [REDACTED] may at a later time find a need for FBI assistance and, therefore, he is not going to withdraw his request of the Attorney General.

According to [REDACTED] a Washington, D. C., law firm was approached for the post of Legal Counsel to the Committee but turned it down, and [REDACTED] has now engaged the services of an Atlanta, Georgia, law firm for this purpose.

On March 4, 1976, United Press International reported that [REDACTED] stated that the panel had decided not to use the FBI in its investigation of the leak and publication by a newspaper of a secret intelligence report. [REDACTED] told reporters the panel had decided to hire ten investigators and three lawyers in addition to [REDACTED] who will direct the investigation. [REDACTED] reportedly stated that the FBI was "one option but our present intention is to do it without calling on the Department of Justice to loan us the FBI. We want people who are accountable to us alone."

The above is being furnished for your information.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
1 - Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

On 2/17/76, the Bureau received a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, captioned "Disclosure and Publication of Allegedly Classified Information by The Village Voice, on or About February 11, 1976." This memorandum requested that a preliminary inquiry be conducted in order to determine whether any action is necessary by the Department of Justice. The memorandum set forth specific information desired in this preliminary inquiry.

While the information contained in this letter is not directly related to the preliminary inquiry requested of this Bureau by the Attorney General, it does relate to another ongoing investigation into the same matter and therefore is being brought to the Attorney General's attention for information purposes only. ~~X~~

1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
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1 - Mr. [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Attention: Mr. [redacted]  
Internal Security Section  
Director, FBI

March 17, 1976

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DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE," ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976

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This is in response to your memorandum dated  
February 13, 1976, requesting that this Bureau conduct  
a preliminary inquiry regarding captioned matter.

Enclosed is material classified "TALENT-KEYHOLE-  
COMINT" which should be handled only by persons cleared  
for such classification.

On February 23, 1976, a representative of our  
Liaison Section contacted the Department of Defense (DOD)  
furnishing them with a copy of the February 16, 1976, edition  
of the New York City tabloid Village Voice wherein appeared  
the allegedly classified information from the Pike Committee  
report. A request was made that they review this material to  
identify any classified information appearing therein which  
originated within their files and to respond to every item  
noted by answering the questions set forth in your memorandum.

In response to this request, Mr. [redacted]

directed that the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) act as the  
focal point in drawing together comments regarding review of  
the published material from the National Security Agency (NSA),  
the Services and other appropriate DOD elements.

Enclosure

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ATTACHED DOCUMENT CONTAINS CODEWORD AND  
TALENT-KEYHOLE-COMINT MATERIAL

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Assistant Attorney General

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On March 1, 1976, the Defense Department furnished this Bureau a report containing the results of their review of The Village Voice material specifying that the report should be handled via Talent-Keyhole-Comint channels. (C)

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(U) On March 11, 1976, Departmental Attorney [redacted] telephonically advised that all material to be handled by the above channel should be hand carried to Mr. [redacted] Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. U

NOTE FOR SAC, WFO:

Copy is furnished for information only. U

NOTE:

Attached document classified by Department of Defense was received as enclosure with letter dated 3/1/76 from [redacted] Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. U

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Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, by memorandum dated 2/13/76, requested that this Bureau conduct a preliminary inquiry into captioned matter in order to determine whether any action is necessary by the Department of Justice. U

The Assistant Attorney General's memorandum set forth eleven questions to be answered regarding the identification and classification of the information appearing in the material published by The Village Voice. U

This memorandum is to furnish to Mr. Thornburgh material obtained from the Department of Defense which sets forth their review of the material published by The Village Voice as well as their response to the eleven questions. U

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Assistant Attorney General

This material will be hand carried to Mr. [redacted]  
[redacted] Internal Security Section, per instructions  
from Departmental Attorney [redacted] U

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TO : [redacted]

DATE: 3/18/76

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FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE," ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976  
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that Bureau file 65-75958, captioned as above, be placed in the Special File Room in that material received from the Department of Defense (DOD) on 3/1/76 and classified "Top Secret, Handle Via Talent-Keyhole-Comint Channels" is being placed in this file.

CURRENT BUREAU POLICY: That classified material should at all times be afforded security measures commensurate to the classification shown on the material.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That this file be maintained in the Special File Room and that access to the document from the DOD, classified "Talent-Keyhole" (TK) should be restricted to those individuals having clearance for TK material.

DETAILS: In connection with investigation being conducted in captioned matter, the DOD on 3/1/76 furnished a report to this Bureau classified "Top Secret, Handle Via Talent-Keyhole-Comint Channels." This report will be filed in Bureau file 65-75958 captioned as above. Because of the classification of this document, it is being recommended that this file be maintained in the Special File Room where access to the TK classified material can be controlled and made available only to those individuals who are cleared for such classification.

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REFERRED TO HQ PER OGA LETTER DATED 03-28-2011

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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March 18, 1976

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REASON: 1.5 (C)

DECLASSIFY ON: X1

"All classified info per OGA letter of 3/4/80."

DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE," ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976

Reference is made to the memorandum of this Bureau  
dated February 25, 1976, which advised you of the action we  
were taking to institute the preliminary inquiry you requested  
in your memorandum of February 13, 1976.

This memorandum is to apprise you of the results of  
these inquiries to date and to enclose copies of material  
obtained. The three enclosures attached hereto are described  
below.

A review of the allegedly classified material appear-  
ing in the February 16, 1976, edition of The Village Voice was  
made by a representative of this Bureau for the purpose of  
identifying classified material originating from our files.  
Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated March 2, 1976, classi-  
fied "Secret," which identifies a disclosed item of classified  
information which originated within our files.

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Our Legal Counsel Division also made inquiries regarding the reported agreement and determined through [redacted]

[redacted] that the only agreement between the Executive Branch and the Pike Committee concerning classified material is based upon the letter from former CIA Director Colby to Chairman Pike dated September 30, 1975. According to [redacted] the Committee's concurrence with the conditions stated in the Colby letter were set forth in a hearing on October 1, 1975, of the House Select Committee. A copy of the pertinent portions of this hearing and of Mr. Colby's letter are enclosed herewith.

According to [redacted] Civil Division, [redacted] there are no other agreements existing with the House Select Committee concerning this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General

We are presently maintaining contact with several other government agencies which have been requested to review the published material appearing in The Village Voice and the results of their review will be promptly sent to you when received by this Bureau. U

Enclosures - 3

1 - WFO (Enclosures - 3)

SEE NOTE FOR SAC, WFO

NOTE FOR SAC, WFO:

One copy of this letter along with three enclosures being furnished for information only. You will be advised in the event any investigation is needed. U

NOTE:

By memorandum dated 2/13/76, Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, requested the FBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry regarding captioned matter to enable the Department to determine if any action is needed regarding the publication by the New York City tabloid known as The Village Voice of allegedly classified information in possession of the Pike Committee. U

The memorandum set forth 11 questions to be answered relating to the identification and classification of the information appearing in the matter published by The Village Voice. Information was also requested regarding the particulars of any oral or written agreements between the White House, the CIA and the Pike Committee with regard to the use and disposition of the classified material furnished by the Executive Branch to the Pike Committee. U

This memorandum is to furnish the Department with the results of inquiries conducted to date. U

All information obtained as a result of this preliminary inquiry is being furnished promptly by memorandum to the Attorney General when received. U

Agents mentioned in memorandum as having contacted CIA 2/23/76 were SAs [redacted] Liaison Section, and

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3. Whether the classified data disclosed is accurate.

The identities (titles) of these three foreign counter-intelligence programs as published are accurate.

4. Whether the data came from a specific document and, if so, the origin of the document and the name of the individual responsible for the security of the classified data disclosed.

As indicated in "The Village Voice" article, the existence of the three classified counterintelligence programs above was revealed to staff investigators of the House Select Committee on Intelligence (HSC) at a briefing held at the Intelligence Division of the FBI on August 22, 1975. At this time the HSC members were advised the titles of the three foreign counterintelligence programs had been classified "Secret" by the Attorney General. (S) (U) (S)

(U) Information relating to the three classified counterintelligence programs was initially set forth by the Attorney General in letters directed to Senator Frank Church, with a copy to Senator John Tower; Senator James O. Eastland, with a copy to Senator Roman L. Hruska; and to Congressman Don Edwards, with a copy furnished to Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, all dated May 17, 1975, and all classified "Secret." This letter states it is classified "Secret" "because we have been advised that disclosure of references to the Mexican, Puerto Rican, Yugoslavian and Cuban operations could damage our relations in those areas." Subsequently, on May 23, 1975, the Attorney General issued a press release describing five newly-discovered FBI counterintelligence programs. This release described "Three foreign intelligence programs classified, 'Secret,' " without mentioning the programs by title. (S) (U) (S)

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5. The extent of official dissemination of the data.

The identities of the three programs have not been publicized to date. Dissemination has been made by the FBI to the Department of Justice and, to our knowledge, by the Department of Justice only as noted above. The identities of the three programs were furnished to Central Intelligence Agency in January, 1976. (S)

6. Whether the data has been the subject of prior official releases.

(U) As indicated, the identities of these three programs have not been publicized although they have been referred to in a press release dated May 23, 1975, only as "three foreign intelligence programs." (S)

7. Whether prior clearance for publication or release of the information was sought from proper authorities.

The FBI received no request for prior clearance for publication or release of the classified titles of the three programs.

8. Whether the material or portions thereof or enough background data has been published officially or in the press to make an educated speculation on the matter possible.

(U) We have no knowledge of any information published officially or appearing in the press which would make an educated speculation regarding the identity of the three foreign counterintelligence programs possible. (S)

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9. Whether the data can be declassified for the purpose of prosecution and, if so, the name of the person competent to testify concerning the classification.

A decision relating to declassification should be made by the Attorney General or his designee, possibly if necessary after consultations with the White House and/or the Department of State. The Attorney General or his designee is competent to testify concerning the classification.

10. Whether declassification had been decided upon prior to the publication or release of the data.

As indicated above, the information disclosed was originally classified on or about May 17, 1975, while "The Village Voice" publicized the classified information in a supplement to its issue dated February 16, 1976.

11. What effect the disclosure of the classified data could have on the national defense.

It is noted the Attorney General, in his classified letters to members of Congress dated May 17, 1975, indicated the information was classified "because we have been advised that disclosure of the Mexican, Cuban, Yugoslavian and Puerto Rican operations could damage our relations in those areas." (U) (S)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/2/76

FROM :

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF  
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This is to set forth our suggested response to a request by the Criminal Division of the Department for detailed information relating to classified FBI information disclosed by "The Village Voice" in its 2/16/76 supplement which incorporated portions of the House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (HSC) suppressed report. ✓

By memorandum dated 2/13/76, Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburg, Criminal Division, made reference to the publication by "The Village Voice" of the HSC suppressed report. Thornburg, in his memorandum, requested this Bureau solicit other agencies and to furnish information relating to FBI classified material that was disclosed in "The Village Voice." He indicated this inquiry was necessary to determine if any action by the Department of Justice is necessary. ✓

Memorandum from Mr. [REDACTED] dated 1/21/76, captioned "Houstudy," advised that appropriate components of FBIHQ had been solicited and only one instance was determined where classified material appeared in the Draft Final Report of the HSC. [This occurred in the identification of three of our foreign counterintelligence programs by title, it being noted the names of these programs had been classified "Secret" by the Attorney General.]

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Enclosure

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1 - 62-116464 (Houstudy)

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REASON: 1.5 (C)  
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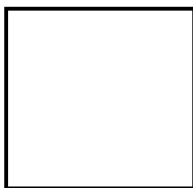
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Information regarding the appearance of this classified material relating to the counterintelligence programs was furnished to Mr. [redacted] on 1/20/76, it being noted he was coordinating the intelligence community's response to this report. V

Attached is a copy of a write-up responding to the 11 areas of inquiry mentioned in Mr. Thornburg's memorandum, as pertains to the one instance of classified information which appeared in the HSC report which was disclosed by "The Village Voice." V

ACTION:

If approved, this memorandum and its attachment should be referred to the CI-3 Section of the Intelligence Division so the information in the attachment may be referred, with information furnished by other intelligence agencies, to the Criminal Division of the Department in response to the Department's request for this preliminary inquiry. V



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(U) The following relates to classified information originating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which was disclosed in a 24-page supplement of "The Village Voice," a weekly New York City newspaper, edition dated February 16, 1976:

1. The date and identity of the article or articles disclosing the classified information.

The classified information appears on page 91 of the 24-page supplement of "The Village Voice," edition of February 16, 1976, column 3, lines 2-4. (S)

2. Specific statements in the article which are considered classified and whether the data was properly classified.

The specific statement in the article which was classified "Secret" by the Attorney General, Exempt from GDS, Category Number 3, Date of Declassification Indefinite, relates to three foreign counter-intelligence programs conducted by the FBI which are described in the article as . . . "Operation Border Coverage (1961), the Cuban program (1961) and the Yugoslav program (1969)." It is understood that the titles of these three programs were classified "Secret" by the Attorney General on or about May 17, 1975, after he consulted with the White House and/or the Secretary of State. No information has been developed indicating the above data was not properly classified. (S)

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Assistant Attorney General

NOTE FOR SAC, WFO:

Enclosed for WFO is one copy of The Village Voice, 2/16/76 edition. You will be kept apprised of any needed investigation in this matter.

NOTE:

On 2/17/76, the Bureau received a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, requesting preliminary inquiry be conducted by the FBI regarding the publication by the New York City tabloid known as The Village Voice of allegedly classified information in possession of the Pike Committee. The Assistant Attorney General requested this inquiry in order to determine whether any action is necessary by the Department of Justice. He also requested that a copy of The Village Voice wherein appeared the alleged classified information be obtained and furnished to his office. X

The memorandum sets forth 11 questions to be answered regarding the identification and classification of the information appearing in the material published by The Village Voice. Information was also requested regarding particulars of any oral or written agreements between the White House and CIA and the Pike Committee with regard to the use and disposition of the classified material furnished by the Executive Branch to the Pike Committee.

This memorandum is to advise the Assistant Attorney General regarding status of our inquiry to date and to furnish him with the requested copy of The Village Voice. X

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/8/76

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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF  
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BY THE VILLAGE VOICE, ON OR ABOUT  
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On 3/3/76, Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland,  
advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that  
in accordance with attached copy of 2/23/76 Department  
of Defense (DOD) letter, Defense Intelligence Agency  
would provide overall DOD response (including NSA) to  
FBI concerning captioned matter.

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## ACTION:

Refer to CI-3 Section.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
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VOICE, ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976

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DATE: 3/25/76

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to advise concern-  
ing a TV appearance by [redacted] Saturday,  
3/20/76, Channel 26, WETA TV, as a guest on a program called  
"Behind the Lines" hosted by [redacted]

SYNOPSIS: On 3/20/76, [redacted] was a guest  
on the TV program "Behind the Lines" hosted by [redacted]  
and aired at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 26, WETA TV. [redacted] was the  
only guest and among the topics discussed was the leak of the  
Pike Committee report and subsequent publication by The Village  
Voice on 2/16/76. [redacted] expressed himself regarding what moti-  
vated him to release the report, some of the events which have  
resulted from the leak, his feelings concerning classified  
material and the reaction of the public and media to the release  
of this report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: None. For information.

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DETAILS: On 3/20/76, [redacted] was a guest on  
the TV program "Behind the Lines" hosted by [redacted]  
and aired at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 26, WETA TV. Mr. [redacted] was  
the only guest and among the topics discussed was the leak of  
the Pike Committee report and subsequent publication by The  
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[redacted] made the following comments during his inter-  
view. In making the Pike Committee report available for publica-  
tion, his original motivation was not monetary. He wanted to have  
a book published concerning the only copy of a rare report, and  
he realized that money would be generated from such a book. If  
he waived any royalties, he did not want all the money accrued to

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go solely to the publisher. He therefore decided that any money obtained should go to support the purpose for which he was releasing the report, freedom of the press. He then decided to give any monies to the "Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press" whose purpose it is to raise money to defend journalists in First Amendment cases. He originally thought this was a good idea but it has turned out to be a bad idea only because so many of his colleagues did not understand his reasoning. u

[redacted] was questioned as to what has been produced as a result of all the controversy over the Pike report. He responded that in light of an election year, the White House is now putting pressure on Congress to find out who leaked the report. The White House is also attempting to present President Ford as being security conscious and Congress as "leaky." There has also been an attempt by Congress to plug its leaks and place responsibility for the Pike report leak. According to [redacted] Watergate destroyed the media's traditional acceptance that classified information was so classified because it was in the interest of national security. Watergate taught the media as well as the American people that words like national security could be used by President Nixon and the Justice Department to do such things as the attempt to block the investigation of the Ellsberg break in. The word "secret" was being used to hide personal secrets of government officials and not something that was in the interest of national security. Because of this, public confidence has been shaken in government officials right up to the President. u

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With respect to the reaction of the public and the media to the release of the Pike report, [redacted] felt that the public is overly concerned with what a reporter does rather than what he writes or reports. With respect to the reaction of his colleagues, he felt that he was caught in the middle of a rivalry between the "New York Times" and the "Washington Post" in that the Times had a copy of the Pike report and the Post did not. Because of this, the Post was somewhat vindictive in their editorials about him. u

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Date: April 6, 1976

To: Office of the Assistant Secretary  
of Defense for Intelligence

Attention:

From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY THE VILLAGE  
VOICE, ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976

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Reference is made to your memorandum regarding  
captioned matter dated March 1, 1976, which included as an  
enclosure a Department of Defense (DOD) report pertaining to  
a review of the material which appeared in the February 16,  
1976, edition of The Village Voice alleged to be from the  
Pike Committee report. U EX-112 REC-1 65-7575-12

It was noted upon receipt of this report that, per  
your instructions, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) acted  
as the focal point in drawing together comments from the  
National Security Agency (NSA), the Services, as well as other  
appropriate DOD elements. (U) 7 APR-8-1976

This report was forwarded to the Assistant Attorney  
General (AAG), Criminal Division, who had initially requested  
the information. Upon reviewing this report, the AAG noted  
that in almost every instance the response to whether a classi-  
fied item could be declassified for purposes of prosecution was  
that it would have to be made in consultation with other agencies  
in the intelligence community and probably foreign governments. U

The AAG advised this Bureau that in order to reach a  
decision regarding any prosecution in this matter, it will be  
necessary to have definite answers regarding declassification  
of the items mentioned in the above DOD report. Accordingly,  
it would be appreciated if you could arrange for the necessary  
steps to be taken at this time to furnish this Bureau with more  
definite answers regarding declassification of the items set  
out in your report. U

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The AAG also requested that it be brought to your attention that in any litigation regarding this matter, the source documents from which these classified items were taken may be turned over to defense attorneys and their consultants or experts in pretrial discovery pursuant to an appropriate protective order. u

While it is not necessary to have a determination as to declassification of the entire source documents at this moment, the AAG desired that you be made aware of this, and to determine any objections you might have should this occur. u

NOTE:

Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, by memorandum dated 2/13/76, requested that this Bureau conduct a preliminary inquiry into captioned matter in order to determine whether any action is necessary by the Department of Justice. u

The AAG's memorandum set forth 11 questions to be answered regarding the identification and classification of the information appearing in the material published by The Village Voice. u

Through our Liaison Section, contacts were made with the appropriate representatives of other government agencies from whose files the information printed by The Village Voice conceivably originated. These agencies were requested to review the material for any classified information appearing therein and to respond to each item noted by answering the 11 questions set forth in the AAG's memorandum. u

On 3/1/76, the Defense Department furnished this Bureau a report containing the results of their review of The Village Voice material. This report was submitted to the AAG by letter dated 3/17/76. By letter dated 3/23/76, he requested that the DOD be recontacted for the purpose of obtaining more definite answers regarding declassification of the items set forth in their report necessary to reach any prosecutive decision. u

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of Defense for Intelligence

NOTE CONTINUED:

The AAG also requested that the DOD, as well as other government agencies making reviews of the material published by The Village Voice, be made cognizant of the fact that in any litigation resulting in this matter, the source documents from which classified items were taken may be turned over to defense attorneys and their consultants and experts in pretrial discovery pursuant to an appropriate protective order. The AAG desired to determine at this point any objections the various agencies might have should this situation occur.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

April 15, 1976

Director

65-75758-14

DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE VOICE," ON OR ABOUT  
FEBRUARY 11, 1976

Reference is made to your memorandum dated  
February 13, 1976, and March 23, 1976, captioned as  
above.

Enclosed analyses dated March 17, 1976,  
classified "Secret" were prepared by the Department  
of State regarding that portion of the Pike Committee  
Report published by "The Village Voice," which they  
considered classified material originating from their  
files. Also included in these analyses is their response  
to the 11 questions which were set out in your memo-  
randum dated February 13, 1976.

By memorandum dated April 6, 1976, the  
Department of Defense (DDO) was advised of your comments  
concerning the necessity of having more definite answers  
regarding declassification with respect to the material  
set out in their analyses dated March 1, 1976.

In addition to furnishing this Bureau with  
more definite answers, the DDO was asked whether they  
would have any objections to furnishing the source  
documents from which the classified items mentioned in  
their analyses were taken, to defense attorneys and their  
consultants or experts in pre-trial discovery pursuant  
to an appropriate protective order.

Through our Liaison Section we are presently  
contacting other agencies who have previously furnished  
reports or analyses in this matter, or who are in the  
process of doing so, to ascertain any objections they  
might have in furnishing source documents in any pre-trial  
discovery proceedings.

Enclosures (7)

SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

NOTE FOR SAC, WFO:

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NOTE:

Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Richard L. Thornburgh by memorandum dated 2/13/76, requested that this Bureau conduct a preliminary inquiry into captioned matter in order to determine if any action is necessary by the Department of Justice. The AAG's memorandum requested information regarding the identification and classification of the information appearing in the material published by "The Village Voice" and set forth 11 questions to be answered in this regard. u

This memorandum is to furnish material to the AAG obtained from the Department of State which sets forth their analyses of the material published by "The Village Voice" as well as their response to the 11 questions. u

By memorandum dated 3/23/76, the AAG requested that the Department of Defense be recontacted for more specific answers regarding declassification of the items set out in their analyses. This was done by memorandum dated 4/6/76. u

The AAG also requested that it be pointed out to interested agencies that in any litigation, the source documents from which these classified items were taken may be turned over to defense attorneys and their consultants or experts in pre-trial discovery pursuant to an appropriate protective order. The AAG stated that while it is not necessary to have a determination as to declassification of the entire source documents at this time, the interested agencies should be advised of this u

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Criminal Division

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possibility and whether they would have any objections. The DOD was apprised of the information regarding furnishing the source documents in the above-mentioned memoranda directed to them and other agencies who have been contacted previously in this investigation are being recontacted through our Liaison Section to determine any objections they might have. Delay in submitting State Department material was incurred due to necessity of having to have them recontacted to obtain more legible copies of Sections B & C of their analyses. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 23, 1976

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FROM : *RT* Richard L. Thornburgh  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE," ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 17, 1976,  
captioned as above.

The materials enclosed with your memorandum contained analyses of those portions of the Pike Committee Report published in the Voice which the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence considered to be classified, and responses to the 11 questions submitted to the Bureau in my memorandum of February 13. The Defense Department report indicated in almost every instance that, in response to Question 9, any decision to declassify for purposes of prosecution would have to be made in consultation with other agencies in the intelligence community and possibly foreign governments.

As you know, in order to reach a prosecutive decision, it is necessary for the Department to have definite answers with regard to declassification of the items in question. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if the Bureau would re-contact the Department of Defense in this regard so that Defense may consult with the necessary components of the intelligence community or of any foreign governments having an interest in these matters.

In addition to obtaining definite answers with regard to declassification, it should also be pointed out to interested agencies that in any litigation the source documents from which these classified items were taken may be turned over to defense attorneys and their consultants or experts in pretrial discovery pursuant to an appropriate protective order. While it is not necessary to have a



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ADDENDUM

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION (CI-3)

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6/9/76

The Intelligence Division, by memorandum dated 2/13/76, received authorization from the Assistant Attorney General, (AAG), Criminal Division, to conduct a preliminary inquiry into captioned matter. The AAG set forth specific information to be obtained in this preliminary inquiry. He furnished specific questions for which answers were to be obtained regarding the identification and classification of the information published by the "Village Voice." He instructed that through appropriate liaison channels we determine the particulars of any agreement among the White House, the CIA, and the Pike Committee with regard to the use and disposition of classified materials furnished by the Executive Branch to the Committee. *u*

The investigation conducted by this Bureau to date has been limited to that requested by the AAG and has been handled at Headquarters through our Liaison Agents. WFO, however, has been kept apprised of all pertinent developments. *u*

[redacted] was contacted this date and advised of the contact by [redacted]. He stated that the Department would authorize an interview of [redacted] by this Bureau. *u* b6 b7C

WFO [redacted] was telephonically furnished the information contained herein and instructed to have two Agents knowledgeable of this case immediately contact and interview [redacted]. *u*

Alexandria Division [redacted] was telephonically contacted, briefly advised regarding this matter, and the circumstances surrounding WFO conducting the [redacted] interview at Arlington, Virginia. *u*

FBIHQ files contain no pertinent information identifiable with [redacted]. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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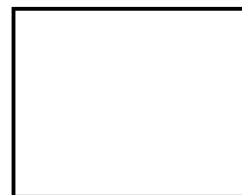
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DATE: 6-9-76

FROM :

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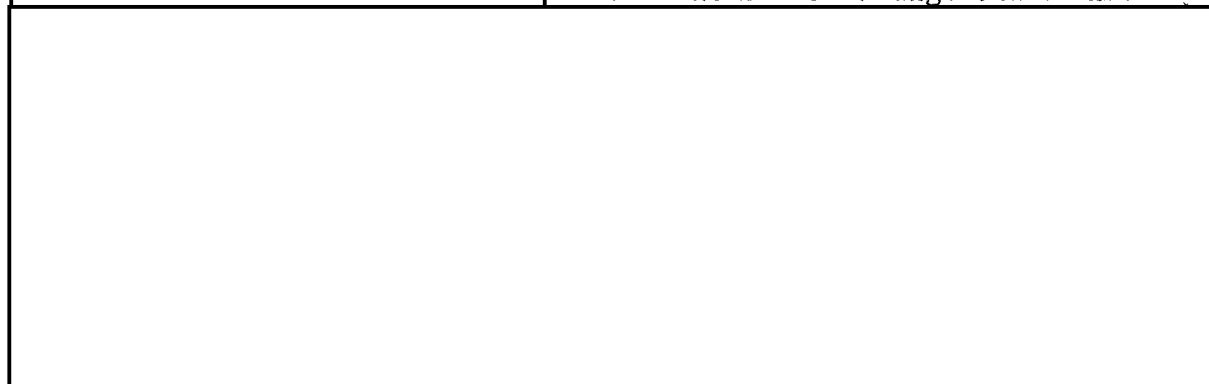


## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth the details concerning a telephone call received by SA [redacted]

## DETAILS:

At approximately 8:15 a. m. this date, [redacted] contacted the Press Services Office, FBIHQ, and advised that she had information concerning the release of the report of the Pike Committee [redacted] and its subsequent publication in the "Village Voice" newspaper. [redacted] contact was at the "Village Voice" and [redacted]



The Intelligence Division has been advised of the above information.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

### APPROVED:

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(Attention: SAs [redacted])

1 - Mr. [redacted]

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of money. Shortly after the story broke in "The Village Voice" and it became known that there was a financial consideration involved [REDACTED] that "The Village Voice" had agreed to donate \$31,000 to the Committee. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in contact with "The village Vcice." [REDACTED]

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

June 15, 1976

Director, FBI

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DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 3/15/00 BY SP2AUM/KP

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Enclosed is a copy of a letterhead memorandum,  
dated June 10, 1976, at Washington, D. C., captioned as  
above which sets forth the results of an interview with

[REDACTED]

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On June 9, 1976, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted  
this Bureau and indicated that she had information to furnish  
regarding [REDACTED] and the publication by "The Village  
Voice" of alleged classified material from the Pike Committee  
Report.

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Your memorandum of February 13, 1976, to this Bureau  
stated that we were to conduct a preliminary inquiry into  
captioned matter and set forth the specific information which  
was to be obtained.

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In view of the limited scope of the requested  
investigation, [REDACTED]  
the Internal Security Section, was contacted for authority  
to interview [REDACTED]. He authorized this interview and  
requested that the Department should be furnished the results.

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As stated in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

[REDACTED]

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Assoc. Dir. [REDACTED] have knowledge of this matter and are willing  
Dep. AD Ad. [REDACTED] to be interviewed by the FBI. Unless advised to the contrary  
Dep. AD Inv. [REDACTED] by the Department, [REDACTED] will be interviewed  
Asst. Dir.: [REDACTED] in the immediate future and the results will be furnished to you.  
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Enclosure

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

NOTE FOR SAC, WFO ONLY:

To allow the Department sufficient time to interpose any objections to interview of [ ] conduct no interviews prior to 6/21/76. u

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NOTE:



The Assistant Attorney General (AAG), by memorandum dated 2/13/76, to this Bureau, had previously authorized a preliminary inquiry into captioned matter. The AAG furnished specific questions for which answers were to be obtained regarding the identification and classification of the information published by "The Village Voice." He instructed that through appropriate liaison channels we determine the particulars of any agreement among the White House, the CIA and the Pike Committee with regard to the use and disposition of classified materials furnished by the Executive Branch to the Committee. u

To date we have limited our investigation to the scope set out by the AAG and it has been handled at Headquarters through our liaison Agents. Because of the AAG's instructions, Mr. [ ] of the Department, was contacted to obtain authority to interview [ ] Mr. [ ] authorized this interview and WFO was instructed to have two Agents knowledgeable of this case immediately contact and interview [ ] 12

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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Upon being interviewed [redacted] in essence stated that she is the [redacted] "The Village Voice" had agreed to donate \$31,000 to the Committee in connection with the publication of the Pike Committee Report. Because of adverse publicity the Committee ultimately refused to accept this money. [redacted] did not know how [redacted] had obtained the Pike Report. [redacted] reportedly placed [redacted] in contact with a [redacted] named [redacted] (phonetic) who in turn placed [redacted] in contact with "The Village Voice." It was not known if the Committee had ever actually had possession of a copy of the Pike Report. u

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This memorandum is to furnish the results of that interview to the Department. It will be hand carried to Mr. [redacted] who will be orally advised that we will not interview [redacted] prior to 6/21/76. u

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Date: 6/10/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-12208) (P)

DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF  
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BY "THE VILLAGE VOICE" ON OR  
ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 3/15/00 BY SP2AUM/40

Re Bureau telephone call 6/9/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM  
dated and captioned as above.Interviewing Agents were SAS [redacted] and  
[redacted]Bureau is requested to obtain permission of the  
Department for WFO to interview [redacted]

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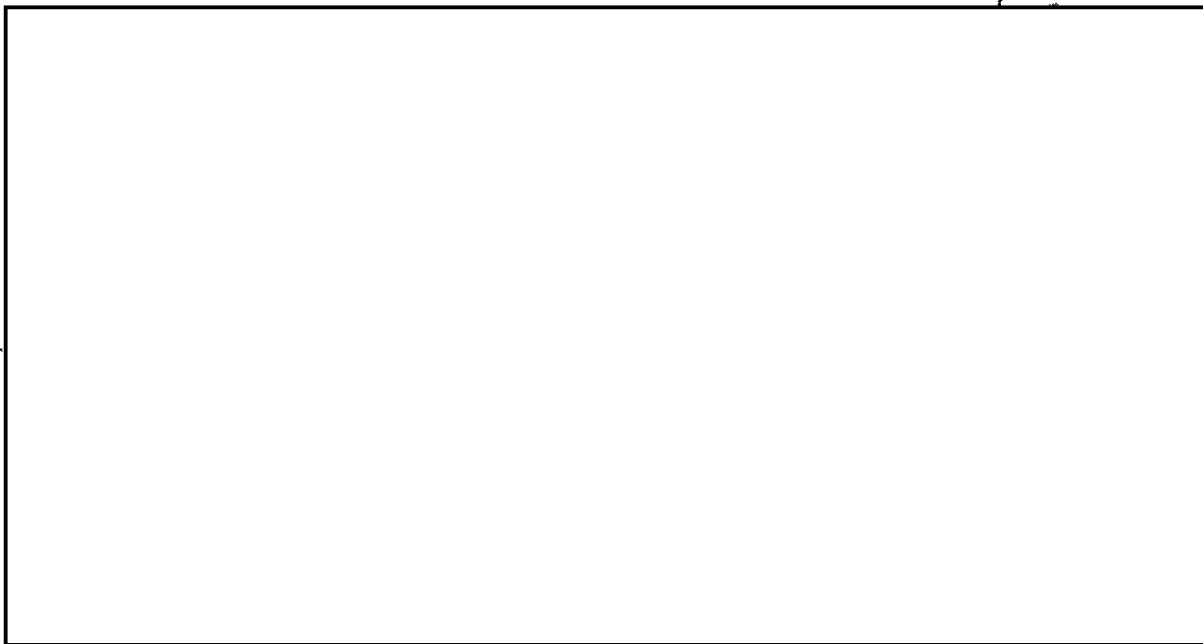
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *NFS/* SAC, WFO (65-12208)(P)

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Re WFO airtel LHM dated 6/10/76. *u*b6  
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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/23/76

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-12208)(P)

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE" ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976  
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Re WFO airtel dated 7/8/76. U

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a LHM  
dated and captioned as above. U

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FOUSTUDY

PURPOSE: To advise of CIA request for permission to mention during Congressional hearing FBI inquiry of Pike Committee Report leak to newsmen [redacted] and our response to CIA that we prefer they do not volunteer such information.

DETAILS: House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ethics Committee) has been conducting public hearings to determine source of leak which resulted in [redacted] CBS news commentator, providing "The Village Voice," New York City tabloid, information from House Intelligence Committee (Pike Committee) Report. On 7/21/76, [redacted] CIA, telephonically advised [redacted] FOUSTUDY Project, that [redacted] of CIA Review Staff and [redacted] Central Intelligence, are to testify week of 7/25/76 at public hearings of Ethics Committee.

From questions already asked of other witnesses, it is anticipated [redacted] will be asked if CIA investigated the leak to [redacted]. They intend to reply that CIA did not as it is not provided for in its charter; but would like to ask a statement to the effect that the FBI has conducted such investigation. [redacted] sought Bureau approval for this. On 7/23/76, [redacted] telephoned [redacted] and expanded request by stating that the question which may be put to him or to [redacted] may be of a general nature, such as "Did anyone in the Executive Branch investigate this matter?"; or, "Do you know of anyone who investigated this matter?" In answer to such a general question, Polten desired to be able to respond to the effect that the FBI has conducted investigation in this matter.

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Memorandum to [redacted]  
Re: NOUSTUDY

Pursuant to Department letter 2/13/76, 'Disclosure and Publication of Allegedly Classified Information by 'The Village Voice,' on or about 2/11/76," we have been conducting a preliminary inquiry in this matter along lines specified by the Department. After conferring with Messrs. [redacted]

[redacted] it was decided that CIA be told that we would prefer that mention of FBI not be volunteered by [redacted]

[redacted] However, if questioned specifically as to any FBI investigation or if asked such general questions as indicated above, we would have no objection to the following reply: "It is our understanding that the FBI, at the instructions of the Department of Justice, initiated a preliminary inquiry into this matter in February, 1976." U

The foregoing was telephonically passed by [redacted] [redacted] absence, on 7/23/76. The desired reply in quotes immediately above was read to [redacted] who reread it back for accuracy. He expressed agreement with the handling of the matter in this manner and expressed appreciation for our cooperation.

ACTION: None. For information. U

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CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE" ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976  
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Re WFO airtels and LHMs dated 6/10/76 and 7/23/76. u

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM  
dated and captioned as above. uWFO is placing this matter in a closed status. It  
will be reopened if the Bureau desires further action. uInterview of [redacted] conducted by SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] Interview of [redacted] was conducted  
by SA [redacted] ub6  
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535  
November 3, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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BY "THE VILLAGE VOICE" ON OR  
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On October 28, 1976 [redacted]  
[redacted] United States Department of Justice, was  
interviewed, at which time he furnished the following:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Subsequent to agreeing  
to interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
he had second thoughts about such an interview and felt  
it might possibly violate what could have been a privileged  
relationship between him and his employer. He acknowledged  
that the matter of the Reporters Committee's connection  
with [redacted] and [redacted] part in furnishing the  
House Intelligence Committee report to the Village Voice  
had never been a matter of consultation between him and his  
employer, i.e., members of the Executive Committee of the  
Reporters Committee, but he felt that he should either  
refrain from comment or give the Committee an opportunity  
to waive the matter of privileged communication. After  
further discussion, [redacted] agreed to entertain questions  
of the interviewing agents and reply to those which he did  
not deem the answers to be the result of privileged  
communications.

The RCFEP is funded by contributions from major  
members of the news media but its general financial position  
could generally be described as a disaster.

[redacted] has no earthly idea who gave the House  
Intelligence Committee reports to [redacted] and is not aware  
that it was ever suggested that anybody at the Committee was

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1cc to AMG - TSS (handwritten ANN.)  
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BY "THE VILLAGE VOICE" ON OR  
ABOUT FEBRUARY 11, 1976.

in possession of such knowledge. He cannot now recall the specifics but does recall that public statements issued by the Committee at the time were pretty much in accord with what was understood by the Committee staff. Insofar as he knew, no member of the staff was ever consulted about Schorr's action either before or after it happened. [redacted] has no firsthand knowledge but believes [redacted] at the Reporters Committee was probably [redacted] and member of Executive Committee of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. He has no knowledge of whether the RCFFP ever had custody of the House Intelligence Committee report prior to the time the Village Voice received it.

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[redacted] preferred not to answer questions pertaining to any connection between the RCFFP/Village Voice/[redacted] and any financial consideration which was to accrue to the Reporters Committee as a result of [redacted] action.

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On October 29, 1976, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following:

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employees. The RCFFP is funded by private sources in the news media and is a non-profit, tax exempt organization. Fifty percent or better of the funds received by the RCFFP came from individual contributions of \$10 or less. [redacted] left the RCFFP because he considered it bankrupt of leadership, because of [redacted] action in giving the House Intelligence Committee report to the Village Voice and the indication that the RCFFP was involved and because at the time of his resignation he considered the RCFFP as a three ring circus without a circus master.

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[redacted] has no real firsthand information which he can now recall. He does recall that when the news of [redacted] action in giving the House Intelligence Committee report to the Village Voice was publicized the newspapers flooded the RCFFP with inquiries about the relationship of the RCFFP with [redacted] and the Village Voice.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Richard L. Thornburgh  
Director, FBI

November 2, 1976

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DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF  
ALLEGEDLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION  
BY THE VILLAGE VOICE, ON OR ABOUT  
FEBRUARY 11, 1976

# 911368 / 3/15/00  
CLASSIFIED BY: SP2ALM/KP  
REASON: 1.5 (C)  
DECLASSIFY ON: X1

Reference is made to your memorandum dated  
March 23, 1976, captioned as above requesting that the  
Department of Defense (DOD) be recontacted for the pur-  
pose of obtaining more specific answers regarding  
declassification of the items mentioned in their report  
of March 1, 1976. U

You also requested that the DOD and other  
concerned agencies be advised that the source documents  
from which any classified items originated could possibly  
be subject to any pretrial discovery, and therefore it  
should be determined if these agencies would have any  
objection to furnishing these documents should this occur.

The DOD was recontacted by memorandum dated  
April 6, 1976, and requested to furnish the additional  
information. As you will recall, the Defense Intelligence  
Agency (DIA), upon instructions from the Assistant Secretary  
of Defense, acted as the focal point in drawing together  
comments from the National Security Agency (NSA), the  
Services and other appropriate DOD elements in preparing  
the report furnished by DOD dated March 1, 1976. (S)(U)

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Office  
of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) dated  
September 17, 1976, responding to our request for further  
clarification regarding declassification.

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Criminal Division

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Through our Liaison Section, other concerned agencies were also apprised regarding the possibility of source documents being made part of any pretrial discovery proceedings. U

Mr. William C. Jones, III, Director of Intelligence Liaison, U. S. Department of State (USDS), advised that the USDS would object to furnishing the source documents should this occur.

Of the agencies which were contacted at the outset of this inquiry and requested to review the material published by The Village Voice, the National Security Council (NSC) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have yet to furnish any results reflecting their review of the material. U

Mr. [REDACTED] advised our liaison officer on October 6, 1976, that the NSC has responded through other channels to similar questions to those contained in your memorandum to this Bureau dated February 13, 1976, also captioned as above, and therefore they do not intend to make any reply to this request.

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Through our liaison with the CIA, we have been given to understand that by letter dated October 7, 1976, directed to you, they have indicated their position with respect to your request for information regarding the material published by The Village Voice. U

The interviews which you authorized with several persons associated with the Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press have been completed and the results will be promptly furnished to you. U

Enclosure

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

NOTE:

The AAG, Criminal Division, by memorandum dated 3/23/76 requested that the DOD be recontacted, as shown above, regarding a report dated 3/1/76 they had submitted concerning their analysis of the allegedly classified material from the Pike Committee report published by The Village Voice. U

The DOD, after considerable time, did respond by letter dated 9/17/76 advising that they would defer any further efforts toward declassifying specific material until this case reaches a point where prosecution is likely.

The NSC and the CIA, who have yet to furnish us any results of their review of the published material, were also recontacted to determine their intentions. The results of these contacts are set out above. U

Several months ago, WFO Agents had interviewed, at her request, an employee of the Reporter's Committee for Freedom of the Press who furnished limited information

as well as the Committee's role in connection with the Pike Committee report being published by The Village Voice. This employee furnished the names of two other persons associated with the Committee who would be willing to talk to the FBI concerning this matter. U

No further investigation remains outstanding U  
to be conducted by this Bureau other than the interviews above.

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Special Agent

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

Mr. [REDACTED]

FROM :

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SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF ALLEGEDLY  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY "THE VILLAGE  
VOICE" ON OR ABOUT 2/11/76  
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## PURPOSE:

To advise regarding the Department's opinion regarding any further investigation or prosecution concerning captioned matter. U

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information. U

## DETAILS:

On 2/17/76, the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Criminal Division, by memorandum, requested that the FBI conduct a preliminary inquiry regarding the publication by "The Village Voice," a New York City tabloid, of allegedly classified information contained in the report of the House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (HSCIA), also known as the Pike Committee. A copy of the Pike Committee's report had reportedly been furnished to "The Village Voice" by [REDACTED] b6 b7C

All investigation requested by the AAG in the 2/17/76 memorandum, as well as all subsequent communications, was completed and furnished to the Department. U

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